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PRODUCTION

| Month | Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes | Lead (b) '000 tonnes | Electricity mil. k.Wh | | Gas (c) mil. megajoules | | Raw steel '000 tonnes | | Cement '000 tonnes | | Motor vehicles (d) '000 | | Electric motors under 750 W '000 | | Four weeks ended | Coal (e) '000 tonnes |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|--|------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | | |
| 1986-87 — | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | | 34.3 | 10,261 | 11,040 | 36,703 | 45,533 | 542 | 541 | 347 | 506 | 6.5 | 20.1 | 89 | 186 | February 7 | 12,812 |
| February | | 34.1 | 9,971 | 11,118 | 36,042 | 42,694 | 473 | 532 | 482 | 493 | 25.8 | 27.4 | 177 | 180 | March 7 | 15,386 |
| March | 24,525 | 43.3 | 10,802 | 11,006 | 40,745 | 43,250 | 531 | 519 | 504 | 489 | 25.3 | 23.4 | 199 | 194 | April 4 | 16,368 |
| April | | 34.4 | 10,407 | 11,077 | 44,619 | 44,933 | 462 | 501 | 487 | 499 | 24.2 | 27.2 | 158 | 182 | May 2 | 12,930 |
| May | | 37.7 | 11,455 | 11,083 | 46,777 | 43,432 | 479 | 470 | 496 | 474 | 29.3 | 26.9 | 173 | 200 | May 30 | 15,548 |
| June | 24,608 | 37.2 | 11,842 | 11,001 | 48,908 | 43,015 | 533 | 506 | 468 | 463 | 25.3 | 23.8 | 198 | 207 | June 27 | 15,783 |
| 1987-88 — | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | | 46.3 | 12,566 | 10,749 | 56,709 | 46,033 | 552 | 512 | 500 | 466 | 31.1 | 25.3 | 193 | 170 | July 25 | 14,470 |
| August | | 47.2 | 12,075 | 11,081 | 52,306 | 46,105 | 547 | 532 | 479 | 464 | 28.4 | 25.0 | 187 | 176 | August 22 | 14,263 |
| September | 26,670 | 40.4 | 11,228 | 11,183 | 49,379 | 45,606 | 562 | 557 | 502 | 479 | 29.4 | 26.1 | 209 | 172 | September 19 | 10,673 |
| October | | 49.4 | 11,346 | 11,477 | 45,474 | 44,642 | 524 | 519 | 551 | 502 | 29.8 | 26.8 | 225 | 185 | October 17 | 15,442 |
| November | | 40.6 | 10,868 | 11,550 | 39,857 | 42,894 | 474 | 495 | 517 | 499 | 29.8 | 27.5 | 201 | 175 | November 14 | 15,513 |
| December | 24,600 | 30.6 | 11,021 | 11,685 | 37,937 | 43,916 | 445 | 445 | 522 | 538 | 26.1 | 28.7 | 190 | 187 | December 12 | 15,206 |
| January | | 29.7 | 11,510 | 12,420 | 35,543 | 43,906 | 406 | 411 | 357 | 532 | 7.0 | 22.6 | 78 | 163 | January 9 | 4,197 |
| February | | n.y.a. | 11,497 | 12,377 | 36,907 | 42,399 | 475 | 510 | 501 | 496 | 26.2 | 26.9 | 184 | 187 | February 6 | 12,938 |
| March | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | 11,433 | 11,529 | 42,488 | 44,851 | 584 | 575 | 534 | 507 | 31.4 | 27.5 | 197 | 180 | March 5 | n.y.a. |

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Excludes lignite.

PRODUCTION—continued

STOCKS(d)

| Month | Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m | | Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m | | Man-made fibres—cloth '000 sq m | | Price index manufac- turing division(a) (Base year 1988-89 = 100.0) | | Meat '000 tonnes | | Whole milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres | | Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool | | Book value at end of quarter \$ m | |
|-----------|--|------------|--|------------|---------------------------------------|------------|---|------|---------------------|------------|--|------------|--|---|---|------------|
| | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | | | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Total receipts '000 tonnes | % of total received by brokers(c) | Original | Seas. adj. |
| 1986-87 — | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 849 | 2,717 | 531 | 871 | 3,647 | 11,466 | 460.8 | 179 | 202 | 619 | 527 | 42,628 | 67.4 | | | |
| February | 3,374 | 3,523 | 871 | 789 | 17,098 | 16,738 | 463.9 | 192 | 200 | 473 | 535 | 47,337 | 74.2 | | | |
| March | 3,270 | 3,020 | 984 | 890 | 15,366 | 14,047 | 466.0 | 207 | 199 | 442 | 564 | 54,511 | 76.9 | 44,688 | 44,593 | |
| April | 3,866 | 4,130 | 1,069 | 884 | 14,368 | 13,150 | 468.4 | 204 | 202 | 467 | 570 | 45,176 | 77.5 | | | |
| May | 3,695 | 3,025 | 923 | 911 | 15,356 | 14,747 | 469.8 | 202 | 205 | 328 | 564 | 40,899 | 74.7 | | | |
| June | 3,341 | 3,013 | 915 | 978 | 16,334 | 14,239 | 471.7 | 191 | 196 | 303 | 550 | 34,034 | 79.6 | 44,558 | 44,716 | |
| 1987-88 — | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 4,419 | 3,635 | 921 | 863 | 15,826 | 13,788 | 474.1 | 209 | 194 | 349 | 505 | 61,117 | r81.6 | | | |
| August | 3,739 | 3,344 | 913 | 973 | 16,509 | 15,457 | 478.3 | 186 | 198 | 486 | 491 | 57,670 | 81.9 | | | |
| September | 3,628 | 3,264 | 1,107 | 1,054 | 14,659 | 13,414 | 480.8 | 203 | 189 | 649 | 497 | 127,858 | 80.4 | 46,236 | 46,059 | |
| October | 4,061 | 1,008 | 984 | 884 | 14,491 | 12,448 | 483.0 | 234 | 222 | 797 | 511 | 122,358 | 78.0 | | | |
| November | 3,387 | 3,467 | 966 | 846 | 14,312 | 13,392 | 486.8 | 214 | 216 | 752 | 507 | 104,412 | r77.7 | | | |
| December | 2,582 | 3,404 | 775 | 946 | r13,063 | r15,499 | p89.6 | 198 | 209 | 696 | 517 | r59,735 | r77.0 | 47,069 | 47,195 | |
| January | r781 | r2,611 | r448 | r752 | r3,677 | r11,890 | p494.3 | r181 | 211 | 604 | 513 | r37,755 | r80.7 | | | |
| February | r3,324 | r3,376 | r994 | r900 | r15,279 | r14,403 | n.y.a. | 213 | 218 | 471 | 532 | 58,505 | 79.3 | | | |
| March | 3,465 | 3,024 | 1,046 | 855 | 15,655 | 13,883 | n.y.a. | 236 | 209 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of SIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0.

FOREIGN TRADE

| Month | Value of total exports (a) \$m | Value of total imports (a) \$m | Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m | | Export price index All groups (Base year 1974-75 = 100.0) | Import price index All groups (Base year 1981-82 = 100.0) | Balance of Payments—current transactions \$m | | Official reserve assets (b) \$m |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|---|---|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | Exports f.o.b. | Imports f.o.b. | | | Balance on goods and services | Balance on current account | |
| | | | Seas. adj. | Seas. adj. | | | | | |
| 1986-87— | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 2,837 | 3,099 | | | 244 | | -565 | -1,379 | 13,846 |
| February | 2,878 | 3,018 | | | 243 | | -125 | -844 | 12,604 |
| March | 3,029 | 3,058 | 6,449 | 5,233 | 242 | 161.1 | -210 | -919 | 13,866 |
| April | 2,918 | 2,897 | | | 240 | | -343 | -1,167 | 16,867 |
| May | 3,151 | 2,907 | | | 243 | | -157 | -917 | 16,787 |
| June | 3,372 | 3,270 | 6,538 | 5,251 | 243 | 158.3 | -147 | -841 | 17,594 |
| 1987-88— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,931 | 3,481 | | | 245 | | -853 | -1,395 | 18,512 |
| August | 3,159 | 2,968 | | | 247 | | -201 | -766 | 19,315 |
| September | 3,082 | 3,396 | 6,429 | 5,307 | 252 | p158.2 | -768 | -1,362 | 19,557 |
| October | 3,307 | 3,300 | | | 253 | | -430 | -1,273 | 19,858 |
| November | 3,355 | 3,517 | | | 258 | | -315 | -845 | 17,607 |
| December | 3,643 | 3,603 | 6,818 | 5,798 | 264 | | 2 | -719 | 17,430 |
| January | 3,473 | n.y.a. | | | p268 | n.y.a. | 347 | -467 | 17,169 |
| February | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | | | p272 | | -42 | -802 | 16,869 |
| March | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | -362 | -1,185 | 17,302 |

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics.

(b) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

| Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) \$m | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|------------|------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|---|------------|--|------------|
| Month | Current prices | | Average 1979-80 prices | | Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists | | Department stores | | New motor cars and station wagons registered '000 | | Other new motor vehicles registered (b) '000 | |
| | Original | Seas. adj. | Trend estimate | Seas. adj. | Original | Trend estimate | Original | Trend estimate | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1986-87— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 4,586 | 4,732 | 4,725 | | 1,528 | 1,510 | 473 | 540 | 27.6 | 32.1 | 5.8 | 7.1 |
| February | 4,214 | 4,758 | 4,744 | | 1,427 | 1,524 | 391 | 540 | 28.2 | 30.8 | 6.3 | 6.8 |
| March | 4,515 | 4,751 | 4,768 | 7,781 | 1,501 | 1,535 | 463 | 541 | 32.0 | 29.7 | 7.3 | 6.5 |
| April | 4,651 | 4,855 | 4,800 | | 1,530 | 1,541 | 519 | 545 | 26.2 | 28.3 | 5.8 | 5.7 |
| May | 4,788 | 4,741 | 4,840 | | 1,525 | 1,543 | 552 | 549 | 29.3 | 28.6 | 6.5 | 6.2 |
| June | 4,583 | 4,861 | 4,886 | 8,134 | 1,474 | 1,543 | 520 | 554 | 32.6 | 30.3 | 8.1 | 7.2 |
| 1987-88— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 4,912 | 5,029 | 4,934 | | 1,544 | 1,544 | 557 | 557 | 32.6 | 30.0 | 7.7 | 6.5 |
| August | 4,676 | 4,970 | 4,978 | | 1,514 | 1,549 | 463 | 559 | 29.1 | 29.1 | 6.2 | 6.2 |
| September | 4,833 | 5,009 | 5,012 | 8,246 | 1,515 | 1,557 | 520 | r561 | 34.0 | 32.3 | 6.7 | 6.8 |
| October | 5,123 | 5,025 | 5,037 | | 1,611 | 1,567 | 545 | r564 | 31.8 | 31.9 | 7.1 | 7.4 |
| November | 5,088 | 5,048 | 5,053 | | 1,561 | 1,577 | 576 | 567 | 29.0 | 30.7 | 6.4 | 7.1 |
| December | 7,008 | 5,092 | 5,069 | 9,698 | 1,874 | 1,584 | 1,133 | r571 | 37.0 | 35.6 | 7.6 | 8.4 |
| January | r4,800 | r5,076 | 5,082 | | 1,549 | 1,589 | 485 | r575 | 24.9 | 30.2 | 4.8 | 6.1 |
| February | 4,656 | 5,095 | 5,098 | | 1,529 | 1,592 | 421 | 578 | 28.8 | 30.3 | 6.7 | 7.0 |
| March | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | p35.0 | p30.4 | p7.8 | p6.6 |

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

| Month | Average weekly earnings of employees (%) | | Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time adult persons (\$) | Index of minimum award rates of pay: full-time adult persons June 1976 = 100 | Average weekly overtime hours per employee | Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index: Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated) | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|--|-------------|---|--|--|---|-------|----------|---------|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | All males | All females | | | | All groups | Food | Clothing | Housing | Household equipment and operation | Transportation | Tobacco and alcohol | Health and personal care | Recreation and education(a) |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1986-87 — | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | | | | 221.9 | | 161.5 | 156.0 | 152.2 | 163.1 | 160.3 | 171.9 | 180.2 | 153.6 | 139.1 |
| January | | | | 222.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 445.30 | 291.10 | 429.90 | 222.0 | 1.19 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | | | | 228.9 | | 164.7 | 157.7 | 153.1 | 166.2 | 162.1 | 176.8 | 185.2 | 158.7 | 143.8 |
| April | | | | 228.9 | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 451.70 | 299.00 | 436.50 | 228.9 | 1.23 | | | | | | | | | |
| June | | | | 229.0 | | 167.2 | 157.9 | 157.8 | 169.4 | 165.6 | 178.4 | 189.7 | 162.0 | 146.0 |
| 1987-88 — | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | | | | 229.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| August | 458.10 | 302.30 | 444.50 | 229.2 | 1.22 | | | | | | | | | |
| September | | | | 229.4 | | 170.0 | 160.2 | 159.1 | 172.3 | 168.8 | 181.9 | 192.6 | 163.7 | 148.7 |
| October | | | | 229.7 | | | | | | | | | | |
| November | 471.10 | 306.60 | 450.50 | 230.4 | 1.46 | | | | | | | | | |
| December | | | | n.y.a. | | 172.9 | 162.2 | 163.8 | 174.4 | 171.4 | 186.7 | 195.9 | 168.4 | 149.5 |
| January | | | | n.y.a. | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | 1.34 | | | | | | | | | |

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

| Month | Building approvals \$ m | | Building approvals dwellings '000 units | | Government building approved \$ m | Building commenced, total \$ m | | Dwellings commenced '000 units | | Materials used in house building (Base year 1985-86 = 100.0) | | Materials used in building other than house building (Base year 1976-80 = 100.0) | | Private new capital expenditure(b)(c) \$ m | | | |
|-----------|-------------------------|------------|---|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------|--|--------|--|--------|--|------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Buildings and structures | | Equipment, plant and machinery | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. |
| | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | | | | | | | | |
| 1986-87 — | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1,124.5 | 1,446.8 | 7.8 | 9.9 | 238.0 | | | | | 105.8 | 180.7 | | | | | | |
| February | 1,154.0 | 1,351.7 | 9.2 | 10.0 | 194.7 | | | | | 106.4 | 182.1 | | | | | | |
| March | 1,512.6 | 1,418.6 | 10.3 | 9.8 | 274.7 | 4,085.4 | 4,425.8 | 27.0 | 29.1 | 107.1 | 183.6 | 1,537 | 1,792 | 3,076 | 3,559 | | |
| April | 1,401.2 | 1,437.6 | 9.2 | 9.5 | 240.7 | | | | | 107.9 | 184.8 | | | | | | |
| May | 1,429.5 | 1,392.6 | 10.5 | 10.1 | 231.3 | | | | | 108.0 | 185.2 | | | | | | |
| June | 1,607.7 | 1,443.5 | 11.0 | 10.2 | 286.0 | 4,433.4 | 4,365.3 | 27.8 | 27.8 | 108.4 | 186.9 | 1,781 | 1,785 | 3,892 | 3,590 | | |
| 1987-88 — | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 1,603.6 | 1,557.8 | 11.2 | 10.8 | 206.7 | | | | | 108.9 | 187.7 | | | | | | |
| August | 1,846.7 | 1,738.0 | 10.5 | 10.4 | 181.2 | | | | | 109.8 | 188.9 | | | | | | |
| September | 1,615.2 | 1,613.6 | 11.6 | 11.0 | 226.4 | 4,844.3 | 4,596.8 | 31.0 | 29.4 | 110.2 | 189.8 | 1,951 | 1,951 | 3,457 | 3,500 | | |
| October | 1,818.7 | 1,786.7 | 12.1 | 11.5 | 228.0 | | | | | p110.8 | p191.7 | | | | | | |
| November | 1,778.4 | 1,652.6 | 12.6 | 12.2 | 167.9 | | | | | p112.0 | p194.3 | | | | | | |
| December | 1,698.3 | 1,686.6 | 11.8 | 11.9 | 234.0 | 5,026.3 | 4,980.8 | 33.4 | 32.6 | p112.9 | p196.2 | 2,746 | 2,049 | 4,069 | 3,860 | | |
| January | 1,462.0 | 1,971.7 | 10.2 | 13.7 | 170.3 | | | | | p113.8 | p198.5 | | | | | | |
| February | 1,919.4 | 2,139.6 | 12.8 | 13.4 | 256.3 | | | | | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | | | | | | |
| March | 1,825.1 | 1,650.8 | 14.5 | 13.0 | 209.2 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction. (c) These data are not directly comparable with estimates published prior to 10 December 1987.

FOREIGN TRADE

| Month | Value of total exports (a) \$m | Value of total imports (a) \$m | Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m | | Export price index All groups (Base year 1974-75 = 100.0) | Import price index All groups (Base year 1981-82 = 100.0) | Balance of Payments— current transactions \$m | | Official reserve assets (b) \$m |
|-----------|---|---|---|----------------|---|---|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | | Exports f.o.b. | Imports f.o.b. | | | Balance on goods and services | Balance on current account | |
| | | | Seas. adj. | Seas. adj. | | | | | |
| 1986-87— | \$ | \$ | | | | | | | |
| January | 2,832 | 3,099 | | | 244 | | -565 | -1,379 | 13,846 |
| February | 2,878 | 3,018 | | | 243 | | -123 | -844 | 12,604 |
| March | 3,029 | 3,058 | 6,449 | 5,233 | 242 | 161.1 | -210 | -919 | 13,866 |
| April | 2,918 | 2,897 | | | 240 | | -343 | -1,167 | 16,867 |
| May | 3,151 | 2,907 | | | 243 | | -157 | -917 | 16,787 |
| June | 3,372 | 3,270 | 6,538 | 5,251 | 243 | 158.3 | -147 | -841 | 17,594 |
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| July | 2,931 | 3,481 | | | 245 | | -853 | -1,395 | 18,512 |
| August | 3,159 | 2,968 | | | 247 | | -201 | -766 | 19,315 |
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| October | 3,307 | 3,300 | | | 253 | | -430 | -1,273 | 19,858 |
| November | 3,355 | 3,517 | | | 258 | | -315 | -845 | 17,607 |
| December | 3,843 | 3,603 | 6,818 | 5,798 | 264 | n.y.a. | -2 | -719 | 17,430 |
| January | 3,473 | n.y.a. | | | p268 | | 347 | 467 | 17,169 |
| February | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | | | p272 | | -42 | -802 | 16,869 |
| March | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | -362 | -1,185 | 17,302 |

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INTERNAL TRADE

Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) \$m

| Month | Total | | | Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists | | Department stores | | New motor cars and station wagons registered '000 | | Other new motor vehicles registered(b) '000 | |
|-----------|----------------|------------|-------------------|--|------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|---------------|---|------------|
| | Current prices | | | Average 1979-80 prices | | | | | | | |
| | Original | Seas. adj. | Trend estimate | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Trend estimate | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. |
| 1986-87 — | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 4,586 | 4,732 | 4,725 | | | 1,528 | 1,510 | 473 | 540 | 27.6 | 32.1 |
| February | 4,214 | 4,758 | 4,744 | | | 1,427 | 1,524 | 391 | 540 | 28.2 | 30.8 |
| March | 4,515 | 4,751 | 4,768 | 7,781 | 8,287 | 1,501 | 1,535 | 463 | 541 | 32.0 | 29.7 |
| April | 4,651 | 4,855 | 4,800 | | | 1,530 | 1,541 | 519 | 545 | 26.2 | 28.3 |
| May | 4,788 | 4,741 | 4,840 | | | 1,525 | 1,543 | 552 | 549 | 29.3 | 28.6 |
| June | 4,583 | 4,861 | 4,886 | 8,134 | 8,363 | 1,474 | 1,543 | 520 | 554 | 32.6 | 30.3 |
| 1987-88 — | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 4,912 | 5,029 | 4,934 | | | 1,544 | 1,544 | 557 | 557 | 32.6 | 30.0 |
| August | 4,676 | 4,970 | 4,978 | | | 1,514 | 1,549 | 463 | 559 | 29.1 | 29.1 |
| September | 4,833 | 5,009 | 5,012 | 8,246 | 8,563 | 1,515 | 1,557 | 520 | r561 | 34.0 | 32.3 |
| October | 5,123 | 5,025 | 5,037 | | | 1,611 | 1,567 | 545 | r564 | 31.8 | 31.9 |
| November | 5,088 | 5,048 | 5,053 | | | 1,561 | 1,577 | 576 | 567 | 29.0 | 30.7 |
| December | 7,008 | 5,092 | 5,069 | 9,698 | 8,552 | 1,874 | 1,584 | 1,133 | r571 | 37.0 | 35.6 |
| January | r4,800 | r5,076 | 5,082 | | | 1,549 | 1,589 | 485 | r575 | 24.9 | 30.2 |
| February | 4,656 | 5,095 | 5,098 | | | 1,529 | 1,592 | 421 | 578 | 28.8 | 30.3 |
| March | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | p35.0 | p30.4 |
| | | | | | | | | | | p7.8 | p6.6 |

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

| WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------------|---|--|--|--|-------|----------|---------|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Month | Average weekly earnings of employees (\$) | | Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time adult persons (\$) | Index of minimum award rates of pay, full-time adult persons June 1976 = 100 | Average weekly overtime hours per employee | Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index : Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated) | | | | | | | | |
| | All males | All females | | | | All groups | Food | Clothing | Housing | Household equipment and operation | Transportation | Tobacco and alcohol | Health and personal care | Recreation and education(a) |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1986-87 — December | | | | 221.9 | | 161.5 | 156.0 | 152.2 | 163.1 | 160.3 | 171.9 | 180.2 | 153.6 | 139.1 |
| January | | | | 222.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 445.30 | 291.10 | 429.90 | 222.0 | 1.19 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | | | | 228.9 | | 164.7 | 157.7 | 153.1 | 166.2 | 162.1 | 176.8 | 185.2 | 158.7 | 143.8 |
| April | | | | 228.9 | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 451.70 | 299.00 | 436.50 | 228.9 | 1.23 | | | | | | | | | |
| June | | | | 229.0 | | 167.2 | 157.9 | 157.8 | 169.4 | 165.6 | 178.4 | 189.7 | 162.0 | 146.0 |
| 1987-88 — July | | | | 229.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| August | 458.10 | 302.30 | 444.50 | 229.2 | 1.22 | | | | | | | | | |
| September | | | | 229.4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | | | | 229.7 | | 170.0 | 160.2 | 159.1 | 172.3 | 168.8 | 181.9 | 192.6 | 163.7 | 148.7 |
| November | 471.10 | 306.60 | 450.50 | 230.4 | 1.46 | | | | | | | | | |
| December | | | | n.y.a. | | 172.9 | 162.2 | 163.8 | 174.4 | 171.4 | 186.7 | 195.9 | 168.4 | 149.5 |
| January | | | | n.y.a. | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | 1.34 | | | | | | | | | |

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

| Month | Price indexes(a) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|----------------------------|------------|---|------------|--|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|------------|---|--|---|------------|--------------------------------|------------|--|
| | Building approvals \$ m | | Building approvals dwellings '000 units | | Government building approved \$ m | Building commenced, total \$ m | | Dwellings commenced '000 units | | Materials used in building other than house building | | Private new capital expenditure(b)(c) \$ m | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Materials used in house building (Base year 1985-86 = 100.0) | Materials used in other than house building (Base year 1979-80 = 100.0) | Buildings and structures | | Equipment, plant and machinery | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | |
| 1986-87 — | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | | | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | |
| January | 1,124.5 | 1,446.8 | 7.8 | 9.9 | 238.0 | | | | | 105.8 | 180.7 | | | | | |
| February | 1,154.0 | 1,351.7 | 9.2 | 10.0 | 194.7 | | | | | 106.4 | 182.1 | | | | | |
| March | 1,512.6 | 1,418.6 | 10.3 | 9.8 | 274.7 | 4,085.4 | 4,425.8 | 27.0 | 29.1 | 107.1 | 183.6 | 1,537 | 1,792 | 3,076 | 3,559 | |
| April | 1,401.2 | 1,437.6 | 9.2 | 9.5 | 240.7 | | | | | 107.9 | 184.8 | | | | | |
| May | 1,429.5 | 1,392.6 | 10.5 | 10.1 | 231.3 | | | | | 108.0 | 185.2 | | | | | |
| June | 1,607.7 | 1,443.5 | 11.0 | 10.2 | 286.0 | 4,433.4 | 4,365.3 | 27.8 | 27.8 | 108.4 | 186.9 | 1,781 | 1,785 | 3,892 | 3,590 | |
| 1987-88 — | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 1,603.6 | 1,557.8 | 11.2 | 10.8 | 206.7 | | | | | 108.9 | 187.7 | | | | | |
| August | 1,846.7 | 1,738.0 | 10.5 | 10.4 | 181.2 | | | | | 109.8 | 188.9 | | | | | |
| September | 1,615.2 | 1,613.6 | 11.6 | 11.0 | 226.4 | 4,844.3 | 4,596.8 | 31.0 | 29.4 | 110.2 | 189.8 | 1,951 | 1,951 | 3,457 | 3,500 | |
| October | 1,818.7 | 1,786.7 | 12.1 | 11.5 | 228.0 | | | | | p110.8 | p191.7 | | | | | |
| November | 1,778.4 | 1,652.6 | 12.6 | 12.2 | 167.9 | | | | | p112.0 | p194.3 | | | | | |
| December | 1,698.3 | 1,686.6 | 11.8 | 11.9 | 234.0 | 5,026.3 | 4,980.8 | 33.4 | 32.6 | p112.9 | p196.2 | 2,346 | 2,049 | 4,069 | 3,860 | |
| January | 1,462.0 | 1,971.7 | 10.2 | 13.7 | 170.3 | | | | | p113.8 | p198.5 | | | | | |
| February | 1,919.4 | 2,139.6 | 12.8 | 13.4 | 256.3 | | | | | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | | | | | |
| March | 1,825.1 | 1,659.8 | 14.5 | 13.0 | 209.2 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | |

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction. (c) These data are not directly comparable with estimates published prior to 10 December 1987.

FINANCE

| Month | Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m | | Major trading banks (b) | | | | Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c) | | | Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent | Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m |
|-----------|--|------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|--|-----------------------------|--------|---|--|
| | | | Deposits \$m | | Advances \$m | | Permanent building societies Banks \$m | Other lenders (d) \$m | | | |
| | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1986-87— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 45,681 | 45,222 | 44,511 | 44,204 | 43,937 | 43,803 | 900 | 153 | 66 | 14.05 | 5,481 |
| January | 45,669 | 45,737 | 45,098 | 45,051 | 44,308 | 44,569 | 679 | 133 | 57 | 14.70 | 5,847 |
| February | 45,914 | 45,738 | 45,240 | 44,827 | 44,027 | 44,675 | 871 | 167 | 69 | 15.05 | 5,943 |
| March | 47,675 | 47,942 | 46,595 | 45,905 | 44,794 | 44,953 | 907 | 162 | 76 | 14.10 | 7,064 |
| April | 48,993 | 49,724 | 46,701 | 45,866 | 45,973 | 45,152 | 931 | 167 | 75 | 13.85 | 10,748 |
| May | 50,607 | 50,984 | 46,411 | 46,469 | 46,093 | 45,723 | 844 | 169 | 73 | 13.25 | 7,400 |
| June | 52,481 | 52,260 | 46,207 | 46,352 | 45,773 | 45,880 | 859 | 192 | 69 | 13.00 | 7,687 |
| 1987-88— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 53,640 | 53,398 | 46,598 | 46,881 | 45,998 | 45,765 | 1,004 | 191 | 76 | 12.85 | 5,929 |
| August | 54,244 | 53,865 | 45,902 | 46,674 | 45,618 | 45,832 | 908 | 217 | 67 | 12.60 | 6,877 |
| September | 55,012 | 54,818 | 45,865 | 46,271 | 46,366 | 46,760 | 1,220 | 258 | 76 | 11.80 | 5,199 |
| October | 55,332 | 55,289 | 46,926 | 47,148 | 47,316 | 46,990 | 1,155 | 326 | 80 | 13.00 | 5,644 |
| November | 55,967 | 56,150 | 47,567 | 48,223 | 47,397 | 47,507 | 1,162 | 294 | 76 | 12.35 | 6,735 |
| December | 57,495 | 56,921 | 47,873 | 47,424 | 48,457 | 48,315 | 1,345 | 257 | 72 | 11.45 | 7,485 |
| January | 56,907 | 57,099 | 47,120 | 47,006 | 47,572 | 47,831 | 850 | 175 | 61 | 11.35 | 6,619 |
| February | 57,483 | 57,357 | 46,638 | 46,156 | 47,167 | 47,831 | 1,331 | 289 | 79 | 11.55 | 6,969 |
| March | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | 46,717 | 46,719 | 47,564 | 47,723 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | 10.85 | n.y.a. |

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS
(\$ million)

| Quarter | Gross domestic product | | Gross farm product | | Gross non-farm product | | Final consumption expenditure | | | | Gross fixed capital expenditure | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------|--|------------|------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | | | | | | Private | | Government | | Private | | Public | |
| | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. |
| AT CURRENT PRICES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1986-87— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 61,911 | 62,066 | 1,867 | 2,371 | 60,044 | 59,695 | 37,247 | 37,400 | 11,508 | 11,921 | 10,399 | 10,288 | 4,298 | 4,738 |
| December | 69,109 | 64,233 | 4,264 | 2,551 | 64,845 | 61,682 | 40,431 | 38,092 | 12,443 | 12,006 | 11,415 | 10,844 | 4,855 | 4,782 |
| March | 62,654 | 65,815 | 2,204 | 2,619 | 60,450 | 63,196 | 37,256 | 38,822 | 11,471 | 12,280 | 9,956 | 10,997 | 4,053 | 4,670 |
| June | 66,693 | 68,764 | 1,724 | 2,734 | 64,969 | 66,030 | 38,970 | 39,817 | 13,442 | 12,611 | 11,652 | 11,309 | 5,828 | 4,869 |
| 1987-88— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 70,620 | 69,965 | 2,551 | 2,849 | 68,069 | 67,116 | 40,807 | 41,054 | 12,302 | 12,743 | 11,817 | 11,677 | 4,235 | 4,661 |
| December | 77,603 | 72,471 | 4,977 | 2,955 | 72,628 | 69,516 | 44,188 | 41,006 | 13,664 | 13,186 | 12,945 | 12,294 | 4,645 | 4,569 |
| AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1986-87— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 36,250 | 36,614 | 1,625 | 2,149 | 34,625 | 34,465 | 21,671 | 21,779 | 6,433 | 6,705 | 5,696 | 5,647 | 2,308 | 2,548 |
| December | 40,777 | 37,092 | 3,832 | 2,231 | 36,945 | 34,861 | 23,021 | 21,659 | 6,965 | 6,699 | 6,080 | 5,781 | 2,568 | 2,527 |
| March | 35,436 | 37,448 | 1,893 | 2,245 | 33,543 | 35,203 | 20,722 | 21,640 | 6,305 | 6,783 | 5,197 | 5,728 | 2,126 | 2,450 |
| June | 36,868 | 38,302 | 1,459 | 2,213 | 35,409 | 36,089 | 21,432 | 21,762 | 7,388 | 6,884 | 6,004 | 5,816 | 3,012 | 2,516 |
| 1987-88— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 38,296 | 38,237 | 1,718 | 2,083 | 36,578 | 36,154 | 22,052 | 22,197 | 6,533 | 6,810 | 5,977 | 5,921 | 2,152 | 2,368 |
| December | 42,318 | 38,807 | 3,713 | 2,156 | 38,605 | 36,651 | 23,611 | 22,191 | 7,211 | 6,933 | 6,464 | 6,145 | 2,316 | 2,277 |
| AT CURRENT PRICES continued | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Quarter | Imports of goods and services | | Exports of goods and services | | Wages, salaries and supplements | | Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises | | | | Household income (original) | | | |
| | | | | | | | Companies | | Other | | Wages, salaries and supplements | Total household income | Less direct taxes, etc. (a) | Household disposable income |
| | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | | | | |
| 1986-87— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 12,341 | 11,708 | 9,667 | 9,760 | 32,156 | 32,569 | 8,450 | 8,143 | 14,297 | 14,123 | 32,162 | 49,782 | 8,981 | 40,801 |
| December | 12,089 | 11,984 | 10,994 | 10,808 | 34,593 | 32,886 | 9,953 | 9,142 | 17,066 | 14,526 | 34,586 | 56,462 | 8,963 | 47,499 |
| March | 11,339 | 11,977 | 10,441 | 10,847 | 31,706 | 33,368 | 8,503 | 9,223 | 14,337 | 15,368 | 31,692 | 49,616 | 10,711 | 38,905 |
| June | 11,776 | 11,878 | 11,115 | 10,898 | 34,675 | 34,400 | 9,381 | 9,823 | 14,244 | 16,354 | 34,670 | 55,647 | 15,732 | 39,915 |
| 1987-88— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 12,688 | 12,046 | 10,908 | 11,074 | 35,127 | 35,129 | 10,053 | 9,696 | 17,249 | 16,621 | 35,127 | 55,692 | 9,572 | 46,120 |
| December | 13,149 | 13,016 | 12,460 | 12,205 | 37,666 | 36,225 | 11,623 | 10,883 | 19,482 | 16,652 | 37,646 | 61,824 | 10,813 | 51,011 |

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**SURVEY
OF JOB
VACANCIES
(c)**

LABOUR FORCE(a)

| Month | Employed ('000 persons) | | | | Unemployed ('000 persons) | | | | Unemployment rate (per cent) | | Participation rate (per cent) | | Number of job vacancies ('000) |
|-----------|-------------------------|---------------|----------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| | Full-time workers | | Total | | Looking for full-time work | | Total | | Original | Seas. adj.(b) | Original | Seas. adj.(b) | |
| | Original | Seas. adj.(b) | Original | Seas. adj.(b) | Original | Seas. adj.(b) | Original | Seas. adj.(b) | | | | | |
| 1987— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 5,648.8 | 5,655.8 | 6,878.3 | 7,019.5 | 575.0 | 529.1 | 671.4 | 637.4 | 8.9 | 8.3 | 61.1 | 62.0 | 62.7 |
| February | 5,681.0 | 5,669.3 | 6,998.2 | 7,038.2 | 581.1 | 520.4 | 699.6 | 632.8 | 9.1 | 8.2 | 62.2 | 62.0 | |
| March | 5,706.2 | 5,681.9 | 7,109.1 | 7,056.0 | 562.4 | 534.3 | 702.5 | 647.6 | 9.0 | 8.4 | 63.0 | 62.2 | |
| April | 5,687.5 | 5,704.2 | 7,087.7 | 7,078.1 | 530.8 | 530.3 | 652.1 | 640.5 | 8.4 | 8.3 | 62.3 | 62.2 | 53.8 |
| May | 5,680.2 | 5,696.5 | 7,084.0 | 7,077.1 | 530.6 | 532.3 | 635.0 | 636.1 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 62.0 | 62.0 | |
| June | 5,690.8 | 5,719.1 | 7,111.2 | 7,114.1 | 506.2 | 519.8 | 603.6 | 621.3 | 7.8 | 8.0 | 61.9 | 62.1 | |
| July | 5,771.9 | 5,760.7 | 7,157.8 | 7,145.3 | 510.9 | 528.7 | 610.2 | 636.6 | 7.9 | 8.2 | 62.2 | 62.3 | 56.2 |
| August | 5,656.3 | 5,716.0 | 7,073.2 | 7,136.3 | 495.4 | 509.2 | 601.9 | 626.4 | 7.8 | 8.1 | 61.4 | 62.1 | |
| September | 5,734.4 | 5,720.8 | 7,165.8 | 7,129.3 | 489.6 | 501.8 | 598.2 | 603.6 | 7.7 | 7.8 | 62.0 | 61.8 | |
| October | 5,751.0 | 5,755.7 | 7,156.1 | 7,145.2 | 475.6 | 514.6 | 585.2 | 632.2 | 7.6 | 8.1 | 61.7 | 62.0 | 52.2 |
| November | 5,705.6 | 5,708.7 | 7,159.9 | 7,125.3 | 469.6 | 508.7 | 566.5 | 617.9 | 7.3 | 8.0 | 61.5 | 61.6 | |
| December | 5,872.2 | 5,794.4 | 7,307.9 | 7,218.8 | 506.7 | 501.6 | 619.6 | 611.8 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 63.0 | 62.2 | |
| 1988— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 5,825.0 | 5,832.3 | 7,145.3 | 7,296.0 | 541.9 | 499.6 | 645.2 | 614.1 | 8.3 | 7.8 | 61.8 | 62.8 | 61.8 |
| February | 5,845.6 | 5,833.6 | 7,219.1 | 7,261.7 | 519.8 | 466.6 | 642.8 | 583.7 | 8.2 | 7.4 | 62.3 | 62.2 | |
| March | 5,884.5 | 5,859.2 | 7,366.1 | 7,310.8 | 493.0 | 467.5 | 642.3 | 588.3 | 8.0 | 7.4 | 63.3 | 62.5 | |

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. For further information see The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0). (b) Revised following annual reanalysis. (c) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see Job Vacancies, Australia (6231.0).

EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)
(¹000 persons)

| Month | Australia | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total Govt. and Private |
|-----------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld | S. A. | W. A. | Tas. | N. T. | A. C. T. | Private | Government | | | Total | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Common- wealth | State(s) | Local | | |
| 1986 — | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 1,946.5 | 1,566.9 | 804.9 | 483.0 | 515.4 | 149.0 | 56.8 | 121.3 | 3,889.4 ^f | 438.7 | 1,159.8 ^f | 156.3 | 1,754.9 ^f | 5,643.0 ^f |
| November | 1,962.3 | 1,573.3 | 805.2 | 485.1 | 520.0 | 151.1 | 55.5 | 120.8 | 3,924.0 | 438.8 | 1,154.5 | 156.1 | 1,749.4 | 5,673.3 |
| December | 1,959.4 | 1,579.1 | 803.0 | 484.1 | 521.5 | 151.5 | 55.0 | 120.3 | 3,947.0 | 440.1 | 1,131.4 | 155.3 | 1,726.9 | 5,673.8 |
| 1987 — | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1,917.5 | 1,537.6 | 792.7 | 465.2 | 515.1 | 147.5 | 54.4 | 117.6 | 3,870.2 ^f | 440.2 | 1,085.2 ^f | 152.0 | 1,677.4 ^f | 5,547.4 ^f |
| February | 1,953.5 | 1,567.7 | 807.0 | 474.0 | 526.9 | 148.8 | 55.1 | 120.8 | 3,939.4 | 441.0 | 1,118.6 | 154.8 | 1,714.4 | 5,653.8 |
| March | 1,960.7 | 1,579.7 | 808.9 | 477.2 | 524.3 | 152.4 | 54.7 | 121.6 | 3,940.6 | 442.4 | 1,141.6 | 155.1 | 1,739.1 | 5,679.6 |
| April | 1,979.8 | 1,589.5 | 817.6 | 479.3 | 522.5 | 154.7 | 55.4 | 122.1 | 3,979.1 | 441.7 | 1,146.6 | 153.6 | 1,741.9 | 5,720.9 |
| May | 1,989.6 | 1,604.0 | 822.4 | 480.0 | 525.1 | 155.9 | 56.0 | 123.4 | 4,003.8 | 442.1 | 1,155.3 | 155.3 | 1,752.7 | 5,756.4 |
| June | 1,991.7 | 1,596.7 | 822.2 | 480.2 | 525.3 | 154.2 | 56.8 | 122.7 | 3,989.7 | 442.5 | 1,161.2 | 156.6 | 1,760.3 | 5,749.9 |
| July | 2,002.3 | 1,626.9 | 821.2 | 487.5 | 524.5 | 153.4 | 55.4 | 121.6 | 4,002.4 | 450.4 | 1,133.5 | 154.9 | 1,790.4 | 5,792.8 |
| August | 2,002.6 | 1,619.4 | 818.0 | 485.9 | 524.0 | 152.2 | 55.0 | 122.2 | 4,034.1 | 436.5 | 1,152.1 | 156.7 | 1,745.3 | 5,779.4 |
| September | 2,009.0 | 1,623.3 | 819.3 | 485.8 | 523.0 | 151.3 | 54.7 | 122.3 | 4,039.8 | 433.4 | 1,158.5 | 157.0 | 1,748.9 | 5,788.7 |
| October | 2,035.0 | 1,629.1 | 835.2 | 482.4 | 521.4 | 150.4 | 52.3 | 123.2 | 4,089.7 | 432.1 | 1,150.6 | 156.5 | 1,739.2 | 5,829.0 |
| November | 2,059.7 | 1,639.7 | 843.2 | 487.4 | 528.1 | 151.5 | 52.5 | 125.3 | 4,145.9 | 432.2 | 1,152.2 | 157.2 | 1,741.5 | 5,887.4 |
| December | 2,065.8 | 1,649.2 | 838.8 | 487.4 | 529.1 | 153.1 | 51.4 | 125.0 | 4,166.7 | 432.6 | 1,143.1 | 157.2 | 1,733.0 | 5,899.7 |

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers is collected. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners Australia* (6248.0) and *Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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